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## Special Events Planned at New River

**Bandon, OR** – Come explore the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) this summer as a series of special events and nature walks begin at the site. The Bureau of Land Management sponsored activities are free of charge and open to all ages.

Activities begin on **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** with “**It Ain’t Like it Used to Be**” at **10 a.m.** Participants will take a look at how life used to be for the families along New River, from homesteaders to the cranberry and recreation industries of today. People are encouraged to bring memories and photos of the area to share.

Additional events planned for this summer at New River ACEC include:

- **Footprints Before the Settlers – Saturday, August 9 – 10 a.m.**  
Join Don Ivy, Cultural Resource Coordinator for the Coquille Indian Tribe, for a guided walk that explores the cultural history of the New River area.
- **Through the Eyes of the Beholder – Saturday, August 16 – 10 a.m.**  
New River is home to a variety of species that all have a different point of view on the place. Veterinarian Alicia Findora will compare the advantages and anatomies of wildlife vision.
- **Like Sand Through the Hour Glass – Saturday, August 23 – 10 a.m.**  
Through droughts, floods, big blows, a tsunami, and man’s influence, New River has experienced a lot in its brief existence. Join a BLM geologist as he explains the forces at work that shape our coast.

The BLM asks visitors to make a reservation for the events they wish to attend due to limited space. To reserve a space, visitors can call (541) 290-1862 with the name of the event they wish to attend, their name, and the number in their party.

To reach New River ACEC, travel south from Bandon on Highway 101 for approximately 8.6 miles. Turn right onto Croft Lake Lane and follow the signs to New River and Ellen Warring Learning Center.

For more information about New River ACEC and the planned summer activities, call the Coos Bay BLM District Office at (541) 756-0100.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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